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Welcome
to the
151st ANNUAL SESSION
of the
NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of
The African Methodist Episcopal Church
at

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1525 Michigan Avenue — Buffalo, N. Y.

REV. G. GRANT CRUMPLEY - Host-Minister
REV. C. BERESFORD BARROW - Host-Presiding Elder
THE RIGHT REV. ERNEST LAWRENCE HICKMAN, D.D., LL.D.
Presiding Bishop

Tuesday, May 15th, 1973 — Friday, May 18th, 1973

Theme: "The First Episcopal District Looks Ahead"

REV. JOHN W. P. COLLIER, JR., D.D. - Secretary of Mission

OTHER CONFERENCE PRESIDING ELDERS

REV. WILLIAM H. MULDROWLong Island
REV. WILLIAM LEE FREEMANManhattan

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Tuesday, May 15, 1973 — 10:00 A.M.

REV. C. BERESFORD BARROW - *Presiding*

PROCESSIONALBishop Ernest L. Hickman, Visiting Bishops
General Officers, Presiding Elders, Pastors,
Other Ministers, Evangelists, and Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIPRev. G. Grant Crumpley

OPENING HYMN - No. 295 —
"And Are We Yet Alive"Rev. Vernon Lowe

*And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?
Glory and Praise to Jesus give
For his redeeming grace!*

*Preserved by power Divine
To full salvation here,
Again in Jesus' praise we join,
And in his sight appear.*

*What troubles have we seen,
What conflicts have we passed,
Fightings without, and fears within,
Since we assembled last;*

*But out of all the Lord
Hath brought us by his love;
And still he doth his help afford,
And hides our life above.*

*Then let us make our boast
Of his redeeming power,
Which saves us to the uttermost,
Till we can sin no more:*

*Let us take up the cross,
Till we the crown obtain:
And gladly reckon all things loss,
So we may Jesus gain.*

Amen.

INVOCATIONRev. A. Earl Jordan

SELECTIONBethel Choirs

SCRIPTURE LESSONRev. Samuel C. Thornton

DECALOGUE IN FULLRev. William P. Foley

SELECTIONBethel Choirs

THE LITANY.....Rev. Henderson R. Hughes

Minister: O God the Father of Heaven; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

People: O God the Father of Heaven; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Minister: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

People: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Minister: O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

People: O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Minister: O Holy Blessed and Glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

People: O Holy Blessed and Glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Minister: Remember not, Lord, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Minister: From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath and everlasting damnation.

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: From all blindness of heart; from pride's vainglory and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy and schism; from hardness of heart and contempt of thy word and commandment,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us;

People: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

People: Grant us peace.

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

People: Have mercy upon us.

GLORIA PATRI

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOPRev. William Lee Freeman
THE BISHOP'S WORDS

MISSIONARY OFFERING APPEALBishop Ernest L. Hickman
OFFERTORYRev. Henry Lewis

PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKERBishop Ernest L. Hickman

SERMON HYMN - No. 418 —

How Great The WisdomRev. S. Frank Emanuel

*How great the wisdom, power and grace
Which in redemption shine!
The heavenly host with joy confess
The work is all divine.*

*Before his feet they cast their crown,
Those crowns which Jesus gave,
And, with ten thousand thousand tongues,
Proclaim his power to save.*

*They tell the triumphs of his cross,
The suff' rings which he bore,
How low he stooped, how high he rose,
And rose to stoop no more.*

*O let them still their voices raise,
And still their songs renew;
Salvation well deserves the praise.
Of men and angels too.*

Amen.

SERMONRev. James Kenny Baldwin
Pastor - Emanuel A.M.E. Church, N.Y.C.

INVITATIONRev. Edgar L. Huff

HOLY COMMUNIONBishop Ernest L. Hickman,
Visiting Bishops, General Officers,
and Presiding Elders

OFFERINGFinance Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTIONRev. James K. Baldwin

Tuesday, May 15, 1973 — 2:30 P.M.

DEVOTIONDepartment of Evangelism
Rev. Earnestine Ward - President

BUSINESS SESSION — 3:00 P.M.

BISHOP ERNEST L. HICKMAN - *Presiding*

ROLL CALL

ORGANIZATIONS

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT

5:30 to 7:30 P.M. — RECESS FOR DINNER

Tuesday, May 15, 1973 — 7:30 P.M.

“THE MEN OF ALLEN SERVICES”

REV. JAMES F. LEATH - *Presiding*

CALL TO SERVICERev. James F. Leath

OPENING HYMN - No. 421 —

“Rise Up, O Men of God”Rev. Robert L. Foley

*Rise Up, O men of God! Have done with less-er things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.*

*Rise up, O men of God! His king-dom tar-ries long:
Bring in the day of broth-er hood
And end the night of wrong.*

*Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength un-e-qual to her task:
Rise up, and make her great!*

*Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod:
As broth-ers of the Son of Man
Rise up, O men of God!* Amen.

INVOCATIONRev. Raymond N. Christian

SELECTIONThe Male Choir

SCRIPTURERev. Donald G. Ming

DECALOGUE SUMMARYRev. Harold L. Rutherford

SELECTIONThe Male Choir

RESPONSIVE READINGRev. John W. Lee

Minister: I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present
your bodies as living sacrific, holy, acceptable unto God, which
is your reasonable service.

People: But to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Minister: For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think;

People: But to think soberly, according to God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Minister: For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office;

People: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Minister: Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

People: Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching;

ALL: Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; He that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

OFFERTORYRev. Paul J. Morrison
PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOPRev. James F. Leath
SOLORev. William H. Muldrow
PRESENTATION OF SPEAKERby Bishop E. L. Hickman
SERMONRev. G. Manfield Collins, Pastor
First A.M.E. Church, Lockport, N. Y.
INVITATIONRev. Ulysses S. Brown
OFFERINGFinance Committee
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BENEDICTIONRev. G. M. Collins

Wednesday, May 16, 1973 — 9:00 to 9:30 A.M.

DEVOTIONDepartment of Evangelism
Rev. Earnestine Ward - *President*

9:30 A.M. — CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUES
BISHOP ERNEST L. HICKMAN - *Presiding*

UPPER ROOM SERVICE — SERMON — 12:00 Noon
1:00 to 2:30 P.M. — RECESS FOR LUNCH

Wednesday, May 16, 1973 — 2:30 P.M.

DEVOTIONDepartment of Evangelism
Rev. Earnestine Ward - *President*

3:00 - 5:30 P.M. — CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUES
BISHOP ERNEST L. HICKMAN - *Presiding*

5:30 P.M. — RECESS FOR DINNER

Wednesday, May 16, 1973 — 7:00 P.M.

— **LOCAL WELCOME PROGRAM** —

Wednesday, May 16, 1973 — 8:00 P.M.

— **LAYMEN'S SERVICE** —

Thursday, May 17, 1973 — 9:00 to 9:30 A.M.

DEVOTIONDepartment of Evangelism
Rev. Earnestine Ward - *President*

CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION — 9:30 A.M.

BISHOP ERNEST L. HICKMAN - *Presiding*

12:00 Noon

UPPER ROOM SERVICE — SERMON

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTED ONES

Our Departed Ones

Bishop John Douglas Bright, Sr.

Rev. Walter L. Matthews

Bishop George D. Robinson

Rev. Charles M. Washington

Rev. John W. Moses, Sr.

Rev. Henry M. Holton

Rev. Abner Freeman

Rev. H. B. Simmons

Rev. Julius H. Majors

Tributes by

Bishop Ernest L. Hickman
Bishop Ernest L. Hickman
Rev. C. Beresford Barrow
Rev. William H. Muldrow
Rev. Ulysses S. Brown
Rev. Leroy R. Judge

Rev. Oliver B. Freeman
Rev. Richard R. Stokes
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FINAL TRIBUTE TO ALL
Bishop Ernest L. Hickman

Thursday, May 16, 1973 — 2:30 P.M.

DEVOTIONDepartment of Evangelism
Rev. Earnestine Ward - *President*

2:30 - 5:00 P.M. — CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUES
BISHOP ERNEST L. HICKMAN - *Presiding*

5:00 - 7:00 P.M. — RECESS FOR SUPPER

Thursday, May 16, 1973 — 7:00 P.M.

YOUTH NIGHT SERVICE

Friday, May 18, 1973 — 9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

DEVOTION Department of Evangelism
Rev. E. M. Ward - *President*

9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION

Bishop E. L. Hickman - *Presiding*

Friday, May 18, 1973 — 12:00 Noon

UPPER ROOM SERVICE - SERMON and ORDINATIONS

1:30 - 2:30 P.M. — RECESS FOR LUNCH

2:30 to 3:00 P.M.

DEVOTIONDepartment of Evangelism
Rev. Earnestine Ward - *President*

CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION — 3:00 P.M.

Bishop E. L. Hickman - *Presiding*

- (a) Mission, Circuits and Stations
- (b) Presiding Elders Assessments
- (c) Treasurer's Report and Election
- (d) Finance Committee Report
- (e) Conference Trustee Report and Election
- (f) Disciplinary Questions

5:30 - 7:00 P.M. — RECESS FOR SUPPER

Friday, May 18, 1973 — 8:00 P.M.

THE FINAL WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE 151st SESSION OF THE NEW YORK

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Reverend G. Grant Crumpley - *Presiding*

PROCESSIONAL Bishop Ernest L. Hickman, Visiting Bishops,
General Officers, Presiding Elders, Pastors and Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIPRev. G. Grant Crumpley

OPENING HYMN - No. 316 —

Come, Thou Almighty King Reverend Ernest L. Boston

*Come, Thou al-mighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise! Fa-ther all glorious, O'er all
Victorious, Come, and reign o-er us, Ancient of Days!*

*Come, Thou in-carnate Word, Gird on Thy might-y sword,
Our prayer at-tend; Come, and Thy peo-ple bless,
And give Thy word suc-cess; Spir-it of holiness, On us de-cend!*

*Come, Ho-ly Com-fort-er, Thy sa-red witness bear,
In this glad hour; Thou who al-might-y art, Now rule in
Every heart, And ne'er from us de-part, Spir-it of power!*

*To Thee, great One in Three, E-ter-nal prais-es be
Hence, ev-er-more; Thy sov-'reign maj-es-ty May we in
Glory see, And to e-ter-ni-ty Love and a-dore!*

A-men.

INVOCATION	Rev. Robert A. Brown
SELECTION	Bethel Choirs
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Rev. William Watley
DECALOGUE SUMMARY	Rev. Eugene E. McAshan
SELECTION	Bethel Choirs
RESPONSIVE READING	Rev. Richard R. Stokes

Minister: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

People: Beautiful for situation, the joy of the earth, is Mount Zion, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

Minister: We have thought of Thy loving - kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple.

People: According to Thy Name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Minister: Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of Thy judgments.

People: Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Minister: Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider here palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

People: For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death.

ALL: The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

SELECTION Bethel Choirs

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP Rev. William H. Muldrow

OFFERTORY APPEAL Bishop Ernest L. Hickman

OFFERTORY Rev. Charles C. Blake

SERMON HYMN - No. 415 —

Go Preach My GospelRev. L. Sylvester Odom

*"Go preach my gospel," saith th' Lord,
"Bid the whole earth my grace receive;
Explain to them my sacred word,
"Bid them believe, obey, and live."*

*"I'll make my great commission known,
And ye shall prove my gospel true,
By all the works that I have done,
And all the wonders ye shall do."*

*"Go heal the sick, go raise the dead,
Go cast out devils in my name;
Nor let my prophets be afraid,
Though Greeks reproach, and Jews blaspheme."*

*"While thus ye follow my commands,
I'm with you till the world shall end,
All power is trusted in my hands,
I can destroy, and can defend."*

*He spake and light shone round his head;
On a bright cloud to heav'n he rode;
They to the farthest nation spread
The grace of their ascended God.*

SERMONThe Right Reverend Ernest L. Hickman, D.D., L.L.D.
Presiding Bishop of the First Episcopal District
of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

INVITATIONRev. Oliver B. Freeman

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ADJOURNMENT

"LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE" - Hebrews 13:1